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## **JERSEY CITY'S 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FISHING DERBY AT RESERVIOR 3**

**JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the Municipal Council, and the Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mayor and City Council Reservoir Fishing Derby at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the Jefferson Avenue gate between Summit and Central Avenues.**

This is a free fishing adventure open to both children and adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Prizes will be awarded at 1:00 p.m. for their many fishing talents and experiences. Fishing supplies will be available but are limited. It is encouraged that you bring your own fishing equipment and bait.

Dubbed “Jersey City’s Hidden Jewel,” the Reservoir 3 in the Jersey City Heights is a 13.3 acre parcel of land, a natural center-city oasis, a natural reserve and family park for city residents. There are several events and programs for nature lovers and families, such as fishing programs for children, kayaking, nature day, and tours. Managed by the non-profit Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance and volunteers, the Alliance also conducts boating and nature events, clean-ups, inventory and caretaking of wildlife, working with government.

“The Fishing Derby is a very exciting event for Jersey City,” said **Mayor Healy**. “This is a great way for families and neighbors to spend time together, enjoy the open space, and take in the beauty of Jersey City’s oasis.”

The Reservoir was closed in the 1970’s and its usage as a municipal water source ended completely in 1992.

The Reservoir is a beautiful lake surrounded by trees and meadow-topped walls in the center of the Jersey City Heights. Since Jersey City discontinued use of the Reservoir for drinking water twenty years ago, nature has reclaimed the Reservoir area. Walking up the old stone steps today, one gets the opportunity to step out of our hectic world and into an oasis of quiet.

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“In keeping this natural oasis alive and protected, we now have another place for passive recreation, walking, jogging, and an opportunity for people to fish, canoe and appreciate nature,” said **Mayor Healy**.

Closed in with high stone walls, this “hidden jewel” is a stunning example of wildlife in this very urban area. Great blue heron, swallows, peregrine falcons, and numerous other birds find haven here, and the residents of Jersey City, from students to seniors, would reap incalculable benefits from keeping this natural oasis alive and protected.

The Reservoir stands just south of Pershing Field Park in the Heights section of Jersey City. The 1874 Egyptian Revival walls and Romanesque pump-houses are of major historic significance to our City and region.

This event is sponsored by: Department of Recreation, Department of Public Works, and the Office of Cultural Affairs.

For more information regarding the Fishing Derby or the Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance, please call 201-656-5235 or e-mail [jcreservoir@gmail.com](mailto:jcreservoir@gmail.com). You can also visit them at <http://new.jcreservoir.org/>

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